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Assistant Secretary James A. Rispoli EM-1/DOE-HQ Forrestal Building U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Rispoli:

The Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Chairs wish to commend the Department of Energy (DOE) on the release of the 2007 EM Engineering and Technology Program Plan, October 2006 Preliminary Draft Pre-decisional and the associated DOE-EM Engineering and Technology Roadmap, earlier this year for comment. This action demonstrates the Department's commitment to engage us early in public policy issues involving decisions protecting health, safety, and the environment now and in the future.

Further, the EM SSAB Chairs commend the DOE on the application of standard engineering project management tools for all EM projects. The incorporation of total lifecycle cost evaluations in developing validated baselines that are comprehensive will be beneficial for future planning. We look forward to continued status reports on the successful application of these tools.

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